

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 W. Moss Avenue | Peoria Illinois 61606 | Rev. Chip Roland

19 November 2023

Ten O'clock

PREPARATION

Variations on Thaxted
O God, Beyond All Praising

Tom Trenney

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

All: We come today to rest in you.

One: You have been the voice that guides us;

All: We come today to listen.

One: You have been the host who feeds us;

All: We come today to be filled.

One: You have been our joy and crown;

All: We come today to sing your praise!

OPENING PRAYER

One: O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. And all God's people said... All: Amen.

*HYMN 491

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Ode to Joy

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

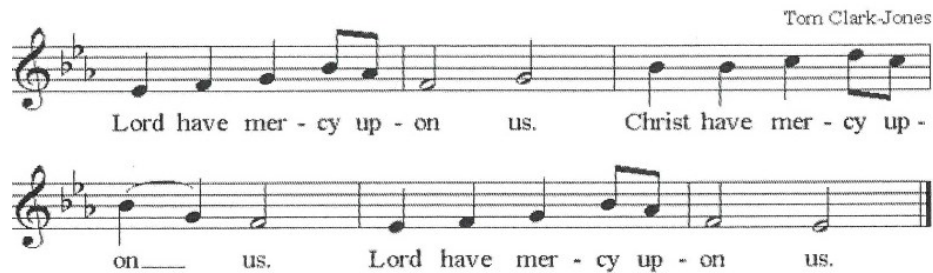
Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is evil in your sight. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. And if the sum total of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, then in your sight we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here. In the strong name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

Please take a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

*KYRIE

Tom Clark-Jones



Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

One: *Hear the good news! Who is our God?*

All: **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: *The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.*

All: **We are forgiven, rescued and redeemed. Alleluia! Amen.**

*GLORIA

Tom Clark-Jones



Glo - ry be to the Fa - - ther,
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be. world with - out
end. A - men. A - - - - men.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Holy Spirit, your wisdom guides us deep into the mystery of your truth. Speak to us today, that we might understand you will and walk in your ways. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Judges 4:1-7

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 123



1 To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes, to you en-
2 Have mer - cy on us now, O Lord; con - tempt has
throned in heaven a - bove; as ser - vants wait for
been our lot too long. Too long have we been
those they serve, so we look up and wait God's love.
mocked and scorned, de - rid - ed by the proud and strong.

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE HYMN 400

When We Are Living

Spanish Melody

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsive*)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

One: God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life.

All: It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

One: Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

All: With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

One: It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

All: In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you

THE GIFT OF MUSIC The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee *Jean Berger*
The eyes of all wait upon upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou
openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The eyes of all....

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy Lord hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[praying together]*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN 422** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *Beach Spring*

***CHARGE**

POSTLUDE Sinfonia from Wir danken dir, Gott, BWV 29 *JS Bach*

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